Green Thumb

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Green Thumb was a South American book that had some South American culture but mostly it was just about the Amazon rainforest. This book was about an 8th grade boy named Grady Jacobs who was too smart for his grade and was always in the school science fairs and the had his own plantation at his house. His dad was a scientist at the local college and his mom talks to his plants, a little bit creepy. It’s starts out as Grady having to help these jocks on their test and he doesn’t so he gets bullied a lot. One day he gets an email from a guy named Dr. Carter, a botanist like him, saying Grady is invited to come to the Amazon and help him with his Super tree project. When Grady arrives they don’t believe it’s actually him because of his size and age so Dr. Carter puts him on cleaning duty. Grady learns how to talk to the trees and make them move by a high pitched sound on his laptop. Soon Grady escaped the jungle and goes with a tribe to help defeat Dr. Carters project because it’s wrecking the forest.

Green thumb is so far the best book I read for the continent book reports. I liked it because it was real in some ways and there is this little kid going to save the whole Amazon rainforest by himself. The only thing I didn’t like was that he could move plants with a sound not very realistic. If you were to pick up this book and start reading you would easily get involved with this book. This book was an easy book to read not much different writing styles than the last continent book I read. This book ends with a big mess of issues not only to Grady but to the U.S. and South America. What if we were able to clone plants and double the oxygen they produce? If we found out how to clone plants then could we clone other things like people monuments weapons? Then the world would be everlasting and in somewhat disaster because of the rate of people and war going around.

If you like unrealistic / realistic actions then I think you will like this book or if you like plants and science then book this will be a good choice for you. If you were to look at the cover of this book then you might out it down and not read it because it looks cartoonish by its cover. It really takes you into like the distant future in technology and science, good thing or bad thing it’s going to happen. I liked the part where he beat up the bullies after he got back from the Amazon it was like a payback waiting to happen for the bullies. This book won’t be dry if you like science but it’s mostly like I would like to call a everyone book. So if read this book it’s kinda different.